



PROTECTING, MAINTAINING & IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ALL MINNESOTANS

September 4, 2024

Mike DuFrane
City of Vergas
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Dear Mike,

The efforts you and your partners have made in the city of Vergas on behalf of drinking water protection are truly impressive. The enclosed certificate of recognition is one way that we acknowledge this work. The partnerships you have built and the initiatives you have directed to secure the long-term protection of the drinking water supply will serve the community for years to come.

The city of Vergas has taken outstanding initiative in engaging its residents on wellhead protection and local drinking water issues. Making this information available via regular newsletters and a central community display raises awareness about drinking water protection and elevates its importance within the community. Additionally, the city's efforts to seal over 20 wells in the drinking water supply management area will be integral in preventing contamination to the water supply. Finally, the proactive initiative to install wiring for a generator at the water plant will assure all residents have access to safe drinking water, even during an emergency.

The city of Vergas is a fine example for other Minnesota communities as they seek to safeguard their drinking water quality. Thank you for your efforts and congratulations on your accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. P. Hogan'.

Tom Hogan
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cc: Julie Bruhn, Mayor, City of Vergas
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